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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Method, Apparatus And Computer Program Product For Performing
Data Packet Classification**
Inventors: JOHNSON *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.2050000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. One (1) return postcard.

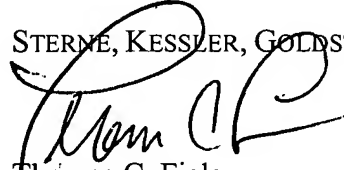
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Respectfully submitted,

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In reply to the Office Action dated January 10, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.